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SUPPLEMENT TO APPEAL BRIEF

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An Appeal Brief accompanied by payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(2) was filed on May 15, 2006, which was within the shortened statutory period.

On July 27, 2006, a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed. It indicated that the original Appeal Brief did not include a mapping of elements from the independent claims to specific portions of the specification and/or drawings.

According to MPEP § 1205.03, a replacement brief is not to be submitted in this type of situation. In pertinent part, that section reads

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)...., appellant is required to file an amended brief that is either a complete new brief with the required corrections or a replacement section(s) as noted below:

...
(B) When the Office holds the brief to be defective solely due to appellant's failure to provide a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v), an entire new brief need not, and should not, be filed. Rather, a paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) will suffice. ...

Thus, this Supplement, which includes an element-to-specification mapping, is believed to be the appropriate submission. It is being submitted within the one month deadline set in the Notification, so no fee is believed necessary for its entry and consideration.

Page 7 of the previously submitted Appeal Brief is where Section V (Summary of Claimed Subject Matter) began. The remainder of this submission supplements that section of the previously submitted Appeal Brief.

Section V as originally submitted contained "a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal" but did not reference appropriate portions of the specification and/or drawings.

The table set forth on the following page includes the two independent claims with cross references to those portions of the specification (blue) and figure elements (black) relating to each limitation.

This submission is believed to be fully responsive to the Notification mailed 27 July 2006. However, any additional requests or questions can be directed to the attention of the undersigned.

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Supplement Material for Section V

<u>Independent Claim</u>	<u>Cross References (p/II-II)</u>
<p>19. A multilayer graphic article comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a transparent outer protective layer, b) an outer adhesive layer, optionally protected by a release liner, and c) disposed between said outer layers, a fabric matrix comprising upper and lower surfaces and bearing on its upper surface a printed image, <p>wherein said outer protective layer is disposed on and directly contacts said printed image and wherein said outer adhesive layer is directly disposed on said lower surface of said fabric matrix.</p>	<p>2/08, 3/09-10 + 10 in Fig. 1</p> <p>2/11, 3/11-14 + 15 in Fig. 1, 6/26-7/4</p> <p>2/12, 3/14-15 + 30 (outer adhesive layer) & 35 (release liner) in Fig. 1</p> <p>2/09-11, 3/10-11 + 25 in Fig. 1, 3/16-24</p> <p>3/11 + 20 in Fig. 1, 9/04-16</p> <p>3/11-14 + 15 in Fig. 1</p> <p>3/14-15 + 30 in Fig. 1</p>
<p>25. A multilayer graphic article comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a transparent outer protective layer comprising a textured upper surface, b) an outer adhesive layer, optionally protected by a release liner, and c) disposed between said outer layers, a fabric matrix comprising upper and lower surfaces, said upper surface bearing a primer layer derived from a composition comprising an acrylic or urethane resin, said lower surface bearing a primer layer derived from a composition comprising a latex or polyurethane, said primed upper surface of said fabric bearing a printed image, <p>wherein said outer protective layer is disposed on and directly contacts said printed image and wherein said outer adhesive layer is directly disposed on said primed lower surface of said fabric matrix.</p>	<p>2/08, 3/09-10 + 10 in Fig. 1</p> <p>2/11, 3/11-14 + 15 in Fig. 1, 6/26-7/4, 8/21-9/03</p> <p>2/12, 3/14-15 + 30 (outer adhesive layer) & 35 (release liner) in Fig. 1</p> <p>2/09-11, 3/10-11 + 25 in Fig. 1, 3/16-24</p> <p>2/14-15, 4/25-5/07</p> <p>2/17, 4/25-5/07</p> <p>2/15-16, 4/25-5/07, 9/04-16, 10/18-19</p> <p>3/11-14 + 15 in Fig. 1</p> <p>2/18, 4/26-27, 10/21-22</p>